Banning aspirin for children

1556. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has decided to ban the use of aspirin for children below 12 years of age;

(b) whether this decision has been taken in the light of the Central Government decision to curb the use of this drug; if so, the details thereof and

(c) what are the reasons leading to such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The reports has been received on the reported adverse interactions of Aspirin in children suffering from viral fever, namely, Reye's Syndrome. These findings had emanated from countries abroad. The exact cause-effect relationship between intake of Aspirin and Salicylates and causation of Rey's Syndrome is, however, not established.

In the light of the reported side effects, the Government has already directed the drug manufacturers marketing Aspirin and other Salicylate preparations in the country to incorporate a box warning "NOT TO BE USED IN CHILDREN BELOW 12 YEARS OF AGE EXCEPT UNDER MEDICAL ADVICE" on the carton and strip-pack.

In pursuance of this decision the State Drug Control Authorities including Delhi Drug Control Administration has issued directive to the drug manufacturers in their respective States marketing Aspirin and other Salicylate preparation to incorporate the above box warning.

National export committee on women prisoners

1557. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Expert Committee on women prisoners has submitted its report; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE *DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN* AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Abortions by quacks

1558. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of large number of mishaps caused due to unauthorised undercover abortions by quacks in Delhi;

(b) what is the number of deaths in Delhi; and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Unauthorised illegal abortions take place secretly, hence no official data is available on this matter. Certain cases of this nature came to notice of local hospital authorities.

(c) The following steps have been taken by the Delhi Administration:

(i) The doctors are being regularly trained in MTP both in Government and Private Institutions.

(ii) Regular inspections have been done of all clinics

(iii) No. of approved MTP Centres in UT Delhi are 129 as on 1-4-86. The break up is as follows:—

Government	Vol. Organisations	Private
21	16	92

(iv) No. of doctors trained in Delhi as on *31-4-86* are *1425.*

(v) The year-wise MTPs done in Delhi for the last five years is as below:—

1981-82	1982-83	1983-84
23421	27524	27970

1984-85	1985-86
31213	32850

Madras rapid transport system

1559. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made regarding MRTS project so far; and

(b) the amount that has been spent on it till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 9.7 per cent upto 30th September, 1986.

(b) Rs. 10.54 crores upto 30.9.86.

Electrification of Arakousm Jolar Pattai Rail-track

1560. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1825 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th December, 1985 and state:

(a) the amount of money allotted this year for electrification of Arakonam-Jolarpattai track;

(b) the amount of money spent;

(c) the total distance that has been electrified as on date;

(d) when the whole line is expected to be commissioned;

(e) whether all sub electric stations have been commissioned, if not the reasons therefor; and

(f) what are the names of remaining sub-stations to be commissioned and when these are expected to be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 1.25 Crores.

(b) A total of Rs. 31.60 crores upto September, 1986.

(c) and (d) Electrification of the Arakonam-Jolarpettai section comprising of 144 Route Kms has already been commissioned progressively by March, 1986.

(e) and (f) Out of the three traction sub-station, two have already been commissioned. Railway's portion works on the remaining one sub-station at Valathoor stn to be commissioned, has been completed Tamil Nadu Electricity Board have to effect 110 Kv power supply and the same is expected shortly.